SUPPORTING FACULTY WITH DISABILITIES

April 25, 2022 from 1-2pm

Megan Moodie, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Chair of the Disabled Faculty Networking Group, will discuss ways that department chairs, in particular, can support faculty with disabilities. Topics will include a basic definition and discussion of "academic ableism," with suggestions for how to recognize it in ourselves, in others, and in our institutional structures; the difference between "Big A" accommodations and "little a" accommodations, with attention to the important role that department chairs can play as advocates for faculty; and specific questions raised by the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly the gap between some public health understandings of "risk" and assessments of "risk" proposed by disability justice organizations, which stress the complexity of understanding and assessing any one individual's potential risk from coronavirus and its post-acute sequelae.



